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SUBJECT: PLO REPRESENTATIVE MEETS JAPANESE FOREIGN MINISTER

REF: TOKYO 11314

1. DURING "INFORMAL" MEETING AUGUST 15 WITH FOREIGN  
MINISTER MIYAZAWA, VISITING PLO OFFICIAL SHAFIK AL-FOUT  
EXPLAINED ASPIRATIONS AND OBJECTIVES OF PALESTININA  
PEOPLE AND APPEALED FOR UNDERSTANDING ON THE PART OF  
JAPANESE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE. IN RESPONSE, MIYAZAWA  
SAID GOJ POLICY REMAINED FIRM ON PRIME MINISTER  
MIKI'S STATEMENT OF JANUARY 24, 1975, WHICH  
MAINTAINED THAT PALESTINIAN ISSUE COULD NOT BE SOLVED  
UNLESS PALESTINIAN RIGHTS TO EXISTENCE AND SELF-DETERMINATION  
WERE RECOGNIZED IN ACCORDANCE WITH UN CHARTER. (FONOFF  
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FIRST MIDEAST DIV DIR WATANABE -- SOURCE OF THIS REPORT --  
SAID MIYAZAWA MADE SPECIAL POINT OF CITING UN CHARTER TO  
UNDERLINE IMPLICATION OF ISRAEL'S RIGHT TO EXIST.) MIYAZAWA  
TOLD AL-FOUT HIS VISIT HAD CLEARED UP SEVERAL VAGUE AND

CONTENTIOUS ISSUES AND HAD BEEN FRUITFUL FROM THE JAPNESE POINT OF VIEW. FONMIN ASKED THAT AL-FOUT TAKE UP ALL DETAILS ON ESTABLISHMENT OF PLO OFFICE WITH MIDEAST AND AFRICAN AFFAIRS BUREAU DIRECTOR-GENERAL NAKAMURA.

2. AT SUBSEQUENT MEETING WITH NAKAMURA AUG 18, AL-FOUT ASKED FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

A) GIVEN FACT THAT DIPLOMATIC PRIVILEGS WOULD NOT BE EXTENDED, WHAT RESTRICTIONS WOULD BE IMPOSED ON ACTIVITIES OF STAFF MEMBERS OF PROPOSED PLO OFFICE IN TOKYO?

B) HOW MUCH PROTECTION WOULD PLO STAFFERS BE GIVEN BY JAPANESE POLICE?

3. ANSWERS PROVIDED AS FOLLOWS:

A) STAFF MEMBERS WOULD BE ACCORDED NORMAL AND APPROPRIATE FREEDOM OF SPEECH AND ACTION.

B) THEY WOULD BE GIVEN THE SAME PROTECTION AND ATTENTION TO THEIR PERSONAL SAFETY AS IS ACCORDED TO FOREIGNERS IN JAPAN UNDER ORDINARY STATUS.

C) PLO OFFICE COULD ENGAGE INFORMATION ACTIVITIES WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF JAPANESE LAW AND NATIONAL INTERESTS.

4. COMMENT: WHETHER CIRCUMSTANCES "FORMAL" OR NOT FACT THAT FOREIGN MINISTER MIYAZAWA RECEIVED AL-FOUT HAS ENHANCED PLO STATUS IN JAPAN. ON OTHER SIDE OF LEDGER, FONOFF HAS REMAINED FIRM TO PRINCIPLE OF PRIVATE STATUS FOR PLO OFFICE AND REFUSED TO GRANT ANY KIND OF DIPLOMATIC PRIVILEGE. GIVEN ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL PRESSURES, GOJ ACTIONS REPRESENT PRETTY SKILLFUL TIGHT-ROPE WALK SO FAR. QUESTION NOW IS WHETHER PLO, TO WHOM AL-FOUT WILL SOON REPORT, WILL AGREE TO STRICTLY PRIVATE GO GUIDELINES.

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